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STATE FOR EAP/MLS, L/EAP, L/PM, PM/ISO, INR AND DRL  
PACOM FOR FPA CHRISTY, JIATF/WEST FOR COMMANDER BUSCH

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: THAILAND EMBASSY/STATE DEPARTMENT HUMAN RIGHTS  
VETTING FOR: JUSMAG, INTERNATIONAL COUNTER-TERRORISM FELLOWSHIP  
PROGRAM, NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY, FORT MCNAIR, WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
JULY 15, 2009 - JUNE 12, 2010

REF: A. JUSMAG MEMO DATED JUNE 02, 2009

[1](#)B. 05 STATE 021314 - GUIDANCE

[1](#)C. 03 STATE 34981 - GUIDANCE

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request for human rights  
verification required by the Leahy Amendment; see Para. 2.

[1](#)2. (U) JUSMAG Bangkok has requested that the Embassy/State  
Department complete human rights vetting request for the individual  
below, who has been selected to attend the below-mentioned course.  
Embassy Bangkok possesses no credible information at this time of  
gross violations of human rights by this person. Embassy Bangkok  
Political Officer, Gillian R. Apfel, is the verifying officer for  
the Embassy/Department of State.

Course: International Counter-Terrorism Fellowship Program, National  
Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C., July 15, 2009 -  
June 12, 2010.

Participant:

Name: Surapong Benchamart  
DPOB: December 23, 1970; Nakhon Phanom, Thailand  
Title/Rank: Commander  
Unit: Naval Special Warfare Command, Sattahip Naval Base, Royal  
Thai Navy  
Funding Agency: JUSMAG.

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